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SUBJECT: FRG DEBATE OVER OUTCOME OF UNGA 7TH SPECIAL
SESSION

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1. SUMMARY: IN WRITTEN REPLY TO PARLIAMENTARY
QUESTIONS, MFA MINISTER OF STATE WISCHNEWSKI HAS
DEFENDED FRG ACCEPTANCE WITHOUT RESERVATION OF
7TH SPECIAL SESSION RESOLUTION AND HAS EXPRESSED
GRATIFICATION WITH OVERALL OUTCOME OF SPECIAL
SESSION. HE DENIED THAT ANY CHANGE HAS TAKEN PLACE
IN BASIC FRG POSITIONS. HOWEVER ECONOMIC AND
FINANCE MINISTRY OFFICIALS EXPRESS GROWING
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DISSATISFACTION WITH OUTCOME OF SPECIAL SESSION.

THESE OFFICIALS BELIEVE FRG WOULD BE IN MUCH BETTER NEGOTIATING POSITION FOR DIALOGUE AND OTHER NEGOTIATIONS ON NORTH-SOUTH ISSUES IF IT HAD FOLLOWED US LEAD IN ENTERING SPECIFIC RESERVATIONS.

2. FRG HAS SO FAR SUCCEEDED IN AVOIDING MAJOR PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE ON 7TH SPECIAL SESSION OUTCOME. MFA STATE SECRETARY WISCHNEWSKI HAS INSTEAD SUBMITTED WRITTEN REPLIES TO QUESTIONS TABLED BY CDU/SCU MEMBERS. IN ANSWER TO QUERY AS TO WHETHER FRG HAD DEVIATED FROM ITS PREVIOUS OPPOSITION TO 6TH SPECIAL SESSION ACTION PROGRAM AND CERDS, WISCHNEWSKI ARGUED THAT IT WAS CLEAR TO ALL PARTICIPANTS IN NEW YORK THAT REFERENCES IN THE PREAMBLE TO EARLIER RESOLUTIONS DID NOT CONSTITUTE A CHANGE IN VOTES ON THESE EARLIER RESOLUTIONS. REFERRING TO GENSCHER'S 7TH SESSION ADDRESS, WISCHNEWSKI MADE IT CLEAR THAT FRG HAS NOT CHANGED ITS POSITIONS ON BASIC QUESTIONS OF A WORLD ECONOMY GUIDED BY FREE MARKET PRINCIPLES, AND CONFIRMED THAT ALREADY KNOWN FRG RESERVATIONS AGAINST THE INTRODUCTION OF AN INTEGRATED RAW MATERIALS PROGRAM, INDEXATION, PRODUCER CARTELS, AND NATIONALIZATION OF FOREIGN PROPERTY WITHOUT OBSERVANCE OF INTERNATIONAL LAW CONTINUE TO BE VALID.

3. AGAIN REFERRING TO GENSCHER'S SPEECH TO THE 7TH SPECIAL SESSION AND TO UNGA, WISCHNEWSKI INSISTED THAT FRG HAD NOT LEFT US ON ITS OWN TO DEFEND WORLD ECONOMIC ORDER BASED ON FREE MARKET PRINCIPLES. HE SAID THAT FRG WENT INTO 7TH SESSION WITH FIRM INTENTION TO AVOID ANY CONFRONTATION AND TO REACH PRACTICAL RESULTS IN FAVOR OF LDCS, AND THAT THESE GOALS WERE ATTAINED. WISCHNEWSKI NOTED THAT IN HIS UNGA SPEECH, SECRETARY KISSINGER EXPLICITLY WELCOMED RESULTS OF 7TH SESSION, AND THAT THIS SAME OPINION WAS UNANIMOUSLY VOICED IN EC AND OECD FRAMEWORK.

4. WISCHNEWSKI TRIED TO DOWNPLAY SIGNIFICANCE OF FRG ACCEPTANCE OF REFERENCE IN RESOLUTION TO SDR-AID LINK. HE EXPLAINED THAT FRG STICKS TO ITS OPINION
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THAT MONETARY AND FINANCIAL POLICY IS NO SUBSTITUTE FOR DEVELOPMENT POLICY, THAT THE FRG HAD ALREADY PARTICIPATED IN IBRD AND IMF STUDIES ON POSSIBLE RESOURCE TRANSFER MODALITIES INCLUDING THE LINK, AND THAT THE FORMULATION ACCEPTED IN 7TH SESSION RESOLUTION REPRESENTS ONLY A SPECIFICATION OF THIS MANDATE. WISCHNEWSKI INSISTED THAT FUTURE CREATION OF SDRS MUST BE GUIDED BY NEED FOR INTERNATIONAL

LIQUIDITY. IN CONCLUSION, HE EXPLAINED THAT FRG BELIEVED IT CORRECT TO REMAIN WITHIN EC CONSENSUS ON THIS QUESTION, AND THAT THE FRG HAD ALSO BEEN IN CONTACT WITH US CONCERNING RESPECTIVE VOTING POSITIONS ON THE LINK.

5. THE GENERAL SATISFACTION WITH OUTCOME OF 7TH SPECIAL SESSION EXPRESSED BY WISCHNEWSKI HAS BEEN ECHOED IN PRIVATE BY DITTMANN, THE ACTING DEPUTY

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ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN MFA, WHO PLAYED ACTIVE ROLE IN FRG PARTICIPATION IN NEW YORK SESSIONS. DITTMANN HAS ALSO PRAISED IN PARTICULAR EFFORTS BY US DELEGATION TO WORK CLOSELY

WITH FRG AND OTHER KEY DELEGATIONS. ON OTHER HAND
ECONOMICS AND FINANCE MINISTRY POLICY-LEVEL OFFICIALS
ARE EXPRESSING GROWING DISSATISFACTION WITH THE
OUTCOME OF THE 7TH SPECIAL SESSION. THEY ARE
PARTICULARLY UNHAPPY ABOUT THE DECISION OF FRG UN
DELEGATION TO ACCEPT 7TH SPECIAL SESSION RESOLUTION
WITHOUT ANY RESERVATIONS EXCEPT THOSE MADE ON BEHALF
OF THE EC AS A WHOLE. THEY ARE CONVINCED THAT FRG
WOULD BE IN MUCH STRONGER POSITION IF IT HAD FOLLOWED
US LEAD IN ENTERING A NUMBER OF SPECIFIC RESERVATIONS.
IN SEEKING A SCAPE-GOAT, THESE OFFICIALS EXHIBIT
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INCREASING TENDENCY TO BLAME US DELEGATION AT 7TH
SESSION FOR NOT ALERTING FRG ABOUT THEIR INTENTION
TO ENTER RESERVATIONS. IF FRG HAD KNOWN ABOUT US
INTENTIONS, THESE OFFICIALS CLAIM THAT FRG WOULD
HAVE FOLLOWED SUIT, EVEN AT COST OF BREAKING WITH EC
SOLIDARITY.

6. IN GIVING AN EXAMPLE OF HOW GERMANY HAS LET
ITSELF BE BOXED IN BY FAILURE TO ENTER RESERVATIONS,
MORAWITZ IN ECON MIN TOLD US THAT DUTCH ARE ALREADY
TRYING TO CONVINCE EC MEMBERS TO ACCEPT 7TH SESSION
RESOLUTION AS EC NEGOTIATING MANDATE FOR NORTH-SOUTH
ISSUES, INASMUCH AS EC HAD ALREADY ACCEPTED IT WITH
ONLY MINOR RESERVATIONS. MORAWITZ POINTED OUT THAT
AGENDA FOR OCTOBER 13 EC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL MEETING
INCLUDES ASSESSMENT OF 7TH SPECIAL SESSION, AND
FEARED THAT DUTCH WOULD USE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO
OBTAIN BROADER EC SUPPORT FOR FINAL RESOLUTION.
SINCE FRG WILL BE REPRESENTED BY ECON COOP MINISTER
EGON BAHR, MORAWITZ IS PARTICULARLY UNEASY ABOUT THIS
AGENDA ITEM, AND HAS EVEN BEEN TRYING TO HAVE IT
STRICKEN FROM AGENDA.
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